

The Message

There are many communities around the United States that believe housing discrimination is so deeply rooted that nothing can be done about it, while many other communities question whether housing discrimination even occurs.

By the headlines below, it is quite evident that despite present fair housing laws discrimination in housing is very much alive and reaching closer and closer to home.

In Arkansas, a mother and son team (Real Estate Broker and homeowner) are charged with violation of the Fair Housing Act for refusing to sell a home to an African-American couple and rejecting their offer of \$135,900 while accepting the considerably lower offer of \$130,000 made by a white male.

In Delaware and Maryland, builders of three apartment complexes violated the Fair Housing Act by designing the complexes in a manner that left them inaccessible to people with disabilities. Two complexes were built with ground floor units that had a step at each main door and the interior doorways were too narrow to accommodate wheelchairs. All three complexes lacked disabled-accessible pedestrian links between public streets. The punishment? \$810,000!

In Chicago, a man was charged with violating the Fair Housing Act when he harassed and intimidated his neighbors based upon their national origin (Israel and Mexico) and religion (Jewish). The man admitted to his neighbors that he hated Jews and proceeded to continuously torment his neighbors for five years by throwing bottles and garbage, yelling obscenities, and exposing himself to their daughter.

In Tennessee, a single mother and her young son will receive a total of \$18,000 in damages to settle a federal housing discrimination lawsuit against a Gallatin apartment complex. Under the settlement, the owners and managers will receive training on the Fair Housing Act.



For more information about Fair Housing visit:
http://www.nashville.gov/mdha/fair_housing.htm



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CONFERENCE

Coming together...

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*...to meet the challenge of
combating housing discrimination
through education.*

Friday, April 15, 2005
Willis Conference Center
Nashville, TN
8:00 am - 4:10 pm



Tennessee Fair Housing Conference Agenda

Registration 8:00-8:20

Greetings/ Remarks 8:20-8:50
Phil Ryan, Executive Director
Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency

Opening Plenary Session 8:50-9:30
Congressman Jim Cooper, Invited
Kelvin D. Jones, Executive Director
Metro Human Relations Commission

This conference features plenary sessions plus several breakout sessions.
You will be able to tailor your training between tracks to fit your individual needs.

Track I - Fair Housing

Break 9:30-9:40

Fair Housing Issues 9:40-11:10
in Rural Areas
Carol Gish, West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc.

Lunch 11:10-11:50

Keynote Address 11:50-12:30
Reverend Samuel Kyles, Commissioner,
TN Human Rights Commission, Memphis, TN

Break 12:30-12:40
(Move to afternoon breakouts)

Reasonable Accommodations/ 12:40-2:10
Modifications
Tracey McCartney, TN Fair Housing Council

Break 2:10-2:20
(Move to next breakout)

Affirmative Marketing 2:20-4:10
and Discriminatory Advertising
Shalini V. Rose, J.D., TN Human Rights Commission

Track II - Homeownership

Break 9:30-9:40

Capacity Building for 9:40-11:10
Grass-Roots and Faith-Based Housing Organizations
Bill Dirl, U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
Reverend Louise McClellan, 15th Ave Baptist CDC
Brenda Bryant, Life of Victory Ministries

Break 12:30-12:40
(Move to afternoon breakouts)

Predatory Lending 12:40-2:10
Cynthia V. DuRant, US Bank
Jessica Leveen, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Break 2:10-2:20
(Move to next breakout)

Affordable Homeownership 2:20-4:10
Programs
Debbie Reeves, TN Housing Development Agency
Patty Pope, City of Murfreesboro, Community Development Office
Regina Harvey, Dominion Financial Management, Inc.
Debra Brown, TN Housing Development Agency

Directions to Willis Conference Center: 26 Century Blvd

Take I-40 East (toward Knoxville) to Briley Parkway North/Opryland Exit 215B. Go 1/2 mile to Elm Hill Pike Exit 7, turning right on Elm Hill Pike. At the 2nd light, turn right onto McGavock Pike. Turn right at the next light onto Century Blvd. Turn right into One Century Place. Turn left into the parking lot.

<http://www.meetatwillis.com/maps.htm>

Registration Form
(Please duplicate for additional Registrants)

Name

Organization

Real Estate License Number

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

E-mail

Please indicate disability or language needs:

Sign Language will be provided.

Registration fee of **\$32.00**
includes continental breakfast,
continuous coffee, beverages and snacks, lunch*,
materials, and free parking.
*Please indicate special dietary needs.

NOTE: Registrations received
after April 8, 2005 will be **\$50.00**

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<http://www.tennfairhousing.org/phpform/use/mdha2005/form1.html>